

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 996
By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Hans Fischer upon the celebration of his 60th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Hans Fischer will celebrate his 60th birthday on April 1, 2004, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fischer is a highly respected businessman who has earned great respect and admiration through his many endeavors; he is also a devoted family man who is most thankful for the great love and companionship that he shares with his wife, Bruni Fischer; and

WHEREAS, in December of 1969, he founded his first company in the Black Forest region of Germany, and he entered the stainless steel tube production industry in 1972; and

WHEREAS, over the years, his businesses have grown and flourished under his keen and steady guidance and with invaluable assistance from his beloved children, Hans-Peter, Roland, and Michaela, who have been working with their father since graduation; and

WHEREAS, having earned an international reputation for quality and excellence in business, Mr. Fischer decided to expand into the United States after previously experiencing success in Canada, South Africa, and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, his son Hans-Peter and daughter-in-law assumed the helm of fischer USA, which soon thereafter opened operations in Manchester; the company has been a boon to Coffee County's economy, investing nearly ten million dollars in the community; and

WHEREAS, fischer USA produces approximately nine million feet of stainless steel tubing per year; fifteen percent of the tubing remains in Tennessee, and ninety-five percent is used for building automobile exhaust systems; and

WHEREAS, the company has done much to maintain and improve the high quality of life that is enjoyed by Tennesseans, and it is wholly appropriate that this General Assembly should pause to recognize the endeavors of fischer USA and honor the outstanding individuals who brought the company to this State; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize Hans Fischer on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join the family and friends of Hans Fischer in celebrating his 60th birthday, express our deepest thanks to Mr. Fischer, his family, and the good people of fischer USA for their invaluable contributions to Tennessee, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.